

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A packaged confectionery product comprising:

a plurality of pieces of a confectionery product and a package material formed around the pieces of confectionery product, the package material having one or more ~~scored~~ weakened regions corresponding to at least one location substantially between the pieces of confectionery product and allowing ready access of the pieces of confectionery product wherein the package material includes an metal barrier underlayer ~~that is unscored~~.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the package material is ~~scored~~ weakened via a laser cut.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the package material is ~~scored~~ weakened via a die cut.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the plurality of pieces of confectionery product ~~includes a plurality of pieces~~ is packaged in a rolled-configuration.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the package material includes a laminate with an outer layer that provides structural integrity and an inner layer that includes the ~~unscored-metal barrier~~ underlayer to promote product integrity.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 5 wherein the outer layer is ~~scored~~ weakened to a depth effective to allow accessibility of the confectionery product with a single hand.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method of producing a packaged confectionery product comprising:

providing a laminate material having a plurality of ~~scored~~ weakened regions corresponding to locations substantially between pieces of confectionery product, wherein the laminate material includes an inner layer ~~that includes an unscored metal layer~~; and

packaging ~~[[a]]~~ pieces of confectionery product with the laminate material thereby allowing a user to access the pieces of confectionery product with a single hand.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of Claim 7 wherein the laminate material is ~~scored~~ weakened via a laser cut.

Claim 9 (original): The method of Claim 8 wherein the laser cut is performed after lamination of the laminate material.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method of Claim 7 wherein the laminate material is ~~scored~~ weakened via a die cut.

Claim 11 (original): The method of Claim 10 wherein the die cut is conducted prior to lamination of the laminate material.

Claim 12 (original): The method of Claim 7 wherein the laminate includes an outer layer that acts to provide structural support.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of Claim 12 wherein the outer layer is ~~scored~~ weakened to an effective depth to form the ~~scored~~ weakened regions while the inner layer remains in tact to maintain product integrity.

Claim 14 (original): The method of Claim 13 wherein the outer layer is printable.

Claim 15 (original): The method of Claim 13 wherein the outer layer is transparent and the inner layer is printable.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method of preparing a confectionery package material comprising:

forming a laminate having a plurality of laminate layers including an outer layer and an inner layer wherein at least a portion of the outer layer is ~~scored~~ weakened to an effective depth and corresponding to at least one location substantially between pieces of confectionery product; and

allowing single-handed access of ~~[[a]]~~ the pieces of confectionery product packaged with the laminate, ~~and wherein the inner layer includes a metal layer that remains unscored to promote product integrity.~~

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method of Claim 16 wherein the laminate is ~~scored~~ weakened to form one or more slits spaced apart along ~~[[a]]~~ at least a portion of the outer layer.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is ~~scored~~ weakened after lamination of the laminate layers.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method of Claim 18 wherein the outer layer is ~~scored~~ weakened via a laser cutting process.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is ~~scored~~ weakened prior to lamination of the laminate layers.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The method of Claim 20 wherein the outer layer is ~~scored~~ weakened via a cutting process selected from the group consisting of a die cutting process and a laser cutting process.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The method of Claim 16 wherein the confectionery package material is used to package the pieces of confectionery product in a rolled-configuration.

Claim 23 (original): The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is printable.

Claim 24 (original): The method of Claim 16 wherein the outer layer is transparent and the inner layer includes a first layer that is printable and adjacent to the outer layer.

Claim 25 (new): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein an opened section of the package material can hang from a remaining portion of the package material after a piece of confectionery product has been removed.

Claim 26 (new): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the underlayer comprises a metal barrier.

Claim 27 (new): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 1 wherein the underlayer is unweakened to promote product integrity.

Claim 28 (new): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 7 wherein the inner layer is unweakened to promote product integrity.

Claim 29 (new): The packaged confectionery product of Claim 7 wherein the inner layer comprises a metal layer.

Claim 30 (new): The method of Claim 16 wherein the inner layer comprises a metal layer that remains unweakened to promote product integrity.